

## REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject Application. Applicant believes this communication addresses all issues raised in the 10/11/05 Office Action.

Please note that on 11/1/05 Applicant discussed the present case with the Examiner via telephone. Potential claim amendments were discussed.

### Rejection of the Claims

In the Office Action mailed 10/11/05, claims 28 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable.

## CLAIM REJECTIONS §102

Claims 28 and 40 are rejected under §103 as being unpatentable by US Patent No. 5,692, 129 to Sonderegger et al (hereinafter, "Sonderegger") in view of US Patent No. 6,021, 425 to Waldron et al (hereinafter, "Waldron").

**Claims 28 and 40** are amended and are allowable over the art of reference. Similarly, new **claims 49-50** contain limitations not taught or suggested by the art of record.

## Conclusion

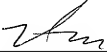
Applicant submits that the above pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of

1 the present Application. Should any issue remain that prevents immediate issuance  
2 of the Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney  
3 to discuss the unresolved issue.

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